Premium Sale Requirements – Year Two

There was one small revision made to this District required form, creating one more option for 4-H youth to have in meeting the requirements. The 2019 revised form is now available on the web at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html and can also be accessed in your 4HOnline account. Please pass questions or concerns to Ross at the Seneca office 785-336-2184 or rmostell@ksu.edu Here are some quick reminders.

- In the 2017-18 4-H Year the Meadowlark Extension District Governing Body in conjunction with Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha County Fair Boards, in accordance with State 4-H Policy J2.3 reviewed and approved this policy. It was discussed at 4-H Councils as well.
- The policy relates to any youth who will potentially participate in a premium auction where they receive all or a portion of the premium money.
- The document really lays out what are basic expectations of all 4-H members, and is meant to encourage participation at many levels. Please review the document before forming an opinion. An actively engaged 4-H member should have no problem meeting these requirements.
- YQCA is the national program that is a multi-species approach to care and quality assurance, that is replacing YPQA Plus. Non-livestock exhibitors, with projects eligible for premium sales, will be exempt from the YQCA requirement.

State 4-H Scholarships

Attention all seniors and college aged 4-Hers & 4-H alumni! The State 4-H Scholarship application is due in your local Extension office Tuesday, January 15, 2020 by 4:00 PM. The scholarship application may be found on our district website at: http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html under “General Forms”. You may complete the application in either a PDF or Word version – both are form-fillable. (If using the PDF version, keep in mind that you may be unable to save the application to edit later.)

Make sure to follow the instructions on the cover sheet exactly! You will need your transcript, letters of recommendation, and an Extension Staff member’s signature to complete your application, as well as other additional written requirements. Kansas 4-H posts a list of the specific scholarships that will be awarded, so be sure to check back for this list using the link above. This one application covers the majority of scholarships, however, some scholarships have unique or additional requirements.

Don’t delay – get started today as it will take time to gather all of the required items! If you have been maintaining an accurate Permanent Record you will find this to be an invaluable resource to you during this process! If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H staff in your local District Extension office.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA includes information for youth showing the following food animals: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Market Rabbits & Poultry. Rabbit and Poultry youth please NOTE: if you are NOT planning to take a MEAT PEN, you will not need this certification, but you (and any youth!) are welcome to attend training! Meadowlark Extension District has made YQCA education a component of the Premium Sale Requirement for any eligible livestock species. Youth wishing to sell eligible animals in Premium sales within the District must complete this process ANNUALLY before July 1! Please NOTE that 7 year olds are not able to be certified through this system and will be exempted of this requirement.

There are two options for training, 1) Face to Face or 2) Online modules. Registration for either option needs to happen BEFORE the event, online. Log in at: [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io) and choose to use the 4HOnline Sign In Option, selecting “Kansas 4-H Youth Development” and using your family 4HOnline log in email and password. Youth need to sign up for the training that corresponds to their appropriate 4-H age and learning delivery. EXAMPLE: Age 9: Junior, Web-Based Training, $12, OR Age 16: Senior, Instructor-Led Training, $3. Please note that you will be able to see ALL trainings offered in the State of Kansas.

Online Courses will cost $12, which should be paid for electronically with a credit/debit card online. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules. Face to Face Training will cost $3, which can be paid for online with a credit card as you sign up for the training event, or you may enter a coupon code (available from the Extension office for $3) if you need to pay by check or cash. Scheduled events can be found as you log into the account and will be advertised in the 4-H Newsletter, 4-H website events calendar, Facebook group and email. Face to face training will be a mix of presentation of material and hands-on activities based upon the approved curriculum. These sessions will be at least one hour in length. Complete attendance is the requirement for certification. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to complete sign-in.

The first round of Face to Face trainings have been set and are available to sign up for at: [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io) Unless specifically stating that only youth from that Extension Unit are eligible to attend, these sessions are generally open to all youth who have paid for a course and I would assume that surrounding county events would not turn you away – BUT they may charge an additional local fee. The currently scheduled Meadowlark events are:

- **December 30** – 6 PM, Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, Holton
- **January 2** – 1 PM, 4-H Building, Valley Falls Fair Grounds
- **January 3** – 12:30 PM, Community Building, Seneca

Following the Valley Falls meeting there will be a beef carcass Ultrasound demonstration/presentation from Dr. Philip Bentz, with the Animal Health Center in Washington. He will be on hand to discuss the ultrasound technology we use for steers at the fair. ALL district 4-Hers welcome.

**Volunteers Needed for Area KAP Screening!!!**

The Northeast Area KAP screening will be held in Manhattan on Thursday, **January 16**. Meadowlark Extension District is able to take NINE volunteers to review KAPs at the area level. This is a wonderful opportunity to see project work summarized in a KAP from across the entire NE Area of Kansas. Prior records/KAP review at the local level is helpful, but we will take anyone with a sincere desire to volunteer and learn more. Contact your local office by December 16 if this is something that interests you. Typically, we have pooled rides to and from Manhattan that day and will plan to do so again this year. Thank you for your consideration!

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**4-H Club Goals & Area KAP**

Completed club goals for the 2019-20 4-H year, are due in the Extension office by **January 2, 2020** by 4:30 PM. This form can be found on the forms page of the Meadowlark District website: [http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html) Also due to the office this day are KAPs heading to the NE Area Screening. Youth eligible to submit KAPs at this level should have received correspondence at 4-H Achievement Events in November.
Citizenship in Action—CIA

Citizenship in Action is an opportunity for youth to learn about the legislative process, and for legislators to see the positive impacts of 4-H. The two-day event will be held in Topeka February 16-17. It is open to youth who will be 13-18 years old prior to Jan. 1, 2020. CIA is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. By encouraging involvement of 4-H members and government officials, the Youth Council hopes to develop a platform for communication between 4-H members and lawmakers. Registration and more information will be available soon online at: http://www.kansas4h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html The registration deadline typically is near February 1. Keep checking the above link for details as they come available.

Northeast Leadership Event—Make Plans to Attend NELE

Kansas 4-H is Jammin' Out with Leadership! 4-H members 12 to 18 are invited to the NE Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. in Heritage Hall at Rock Springs 4-H Center! NELE is led by the Northeast Area youth council representatives. Delegates can sign up for multiple classes. Registration of $30 includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. Registrations are open NOW and will close January 3, 2020. Please register at: http://www.event.com/d/zhq2pj There are also sessions for adults, we will work to provide/share transportation. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes, all for a reasonable price!

2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges’ Certification, Recertification and Project Leader Training

January 24-26, 2020, the Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Action Team and Kansas 4-H Youth Development are sponsoring a dog judges’ certification, recertification, and project training to better prepare judges and volunteer 4-H leaders on the standards of 4-H showmanship, agility, obedience, and rally obedience. The format allows for training in specific or all four phases. Judges may certify or re-certify in all phases or in specific phases.

To be certified as Kansas 4-H Dog Show judges, participants must pass a written quiz and judging exercise for each discipline (showmanship, agility, obedience, rally obedience) in which they wish to certify. These tests will be given after each section. If it has been five years or longer since you were certified, we strongly encourage you to recertify! Those individuals longer than 6 years since their last certification may be removed from the judges list!

The event will take place in Pottorf Hall, Riley County Fairgrounds, 1710 Avery Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66503. The registration deadline is January 13. Refunds will not be given after January 14. Participants must be present at the end of each phase to take the appropriate test. Anyone leaving early will not receive credit for completing the process!

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2020 Horse Panorama will be held January 24-26, 2020 at Rock Springs. Rules and registration can be found at: https://www.kansas4h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html. The registration deadline is January 15.

State 4-H Horse Judging

HOLD THE DATE!

The 2020 State Horse Judging Contest will be held on Friday, March 6, in conjunction with Equifest held in Salina. Dyann Parks is again offering to work with 4-Hers who are interested in horse judging. If you are interested in judging, please contact the Extension office.

Kansas Jr Producer Days

The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2020 on the Kansas State University campus in Weber Hall. These events are one-day educational programs for youth, parents, project leaders and agents to learn about selecting and managing a youth livestock project. For both days, tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health and showmanship.

Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, and Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14. Registration information will be released later this fall, so watch the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page and website (www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs) for further details!
Did you know the honey bee is the State Insect of Kansas? Kansas designated the honey bee as official state insect in 1976 in response to a petition signed by over 2000 Kansas school children to make the honey bee the state insect. Here’s a quote from Kansas House Bill 2236 that made this so; "... The honey bee is like all Kansan's in that it is proud; only fights in defense of something it cherishes; is a friendly bundle of energy; is always helping others throughout its lifetime; is a strong, hard worker with limitless abilities; and is a mirror of virtue, triumph and glory;..." Couldn’t this be said of 4-H’ers too??

Honey/Bee Keeping was once a Kansas 4-H project, but declined in popularity some twenty years ago and was removed for the project listing. There has been a renewed interest in Bee Keeping, specifically with youth in 4-H in Meadowlark District. In fact, the Lucky Stars Club in Holton received a grant and maintains some hives, for the purpose of education about this state insect and the industry it supports. There are other examples with our 4-Hers/4-H families.

So, how does one enroll in Bee Keeping if it is not an “official” 4-H project? The answer can be twofold. Entomology is a logical place to enroll, if the focus is on the BEE, since the bee is an insect. Members can share with others any activity or learning experience related to the field of entomology. This may be, but isn’t limited to, original works, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, display box, notebook, display or poster which you have made. The second option is for the product of HONEY itself. This would most appropriately fit in the Self-Determined project, something the entire “Bee Keeping” area might best fit.

If this area is of interest to you, please reach out to the 4-H staff in the Extension offices and we will work to help you mesh your interest with the 4-H program. Keep watching this section of the monthly newsletter for more information on some lesser known 4-H project areas.

**Happy Birthday Kansas!**

The fifth annual ‘Happy Birthday, Kansas! photo contest’ is now open for submissions. [https://www.kshs.org/p/student-photo-contest/18622](https://www.kshs.org/p/student-photo-contest/18622). Students in 1st-12th grade from across the state can submit up to 5 photographs that they took. The theme for this year’s contest is “Going to school in Kansas.” Students are encouraged to be creative with the theme but the photos must be taken in Kansas during this calendar year.

The Kansas Historical Society partners with the Kansas legislative spouses to put on this contest each year. It was originally started by Marearl Denning, wife to Senator Jim Denning, and a photographer herself. The **deadline** to submit your photograph(s) is **December 20, 2019** at: [https://www.kshs.org/hbk/hbk_photos/submit](https://www.kshs.org/hbk/hbk_photos/submit). First and second place winners from each grade level are invited to a special recognition ceremony at the Capitol building on Kansas Day, January 29, where their photos will also be on display. All 12 first-place winners receive an iPad and all 12 second-place winners receive a Kindle.

**Why 4-H???

(Noting the IMPACT of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)

“I belong to a countywide 4-H group made up of a lot of different personalities. We plan where we will go, what we will do, and what we will give. I do not agree with every decision, but my ideas get heard and we work together to figure out what is in the best interest of the entire group.”
News from the Holton Office

2019-2020 4-H Council Officers
Congratulations to the following 4-H Council Officers:
President – Jerilyn Nelson
Vice President – Cailin Parks
Secretary – Bridget Kucan
Treasurer – Shelby Fox

Achievement Program
I would just like to congratulate everyone on their hard work they put into their record books this year. We had a great turn out at the Achievement Program this year. Special congrats to those individuals and clubs that received awards this past 4-H year. Just a reminder that record books is not just based on how you did at the fair but your whole 4-H project (including project talks, demonstrations, leadership, citizenship and overall activity within the whole 4-H program).

This year we had 3 Key Award winners. This is a very prestigious award. Recipients were Jerilyn Nelson - Pleasant Valley Rustlers, MaKenzie Kennedy - Soldier Boosters and Bridget Kucan - Lucky Stars.

Special thanks to the Ambassador Group for leading the ceremony and the clubs who helped set up, take down, clean up and serve refreshments.

Cloverbud Leaders
If you are a Cloverbud Leader for your club and you haven’t been through the Cloverbud Leader Training please let Cara know so we can get you trained.

Fair Concession Stand Manager
If anyone would be interested in running the Fair Concession Stand please have them contact the Extension Office. There is an application that they will have to fill out and then be approved by our local 4-H Council. Concession stand managers get paid $375 plus 10% of the profit from the fair Concession Stand. Some of the duties of manager include but not limited to: ordering the food and preparing all details for a clean, fast and safe food service experience during the fair. All 4-H clubs are responsible for working shifts during the fair and will provide service support to the manager.

4-H Club Day
Will be held March 7 starting at 9 AM at Jackson Heights. The registration form will be sent to your club leader and you can sign up through them. Please be sure to list a time preference if you need too. Room Monitors are needed for the day and need to be 4-Hers that are 13 years or older. Entries are due to your local office February 14.

For more information on 4-H Club Day, please see the publication on our website at: http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H%20Club%20Day%20Guide%20Book.pdf

Be watching your mailboxes for the 2019-2020 Fair Booster Program Information. This will be mailed out in January! We are asking each family to sell at least 5 sponsorships. Money will be used to pay for fair judges & ribbon premium. The 4-Her who sales the most will receive a $50 gift card of their choice.

Important Dates

2020 4-H Council Dates
February 13th
April 9th
June 11th

County Wide Project Meeting
There will be a County wide project meeting over Christmas break. Please be watching for emails for more information.

Livestock Youth
- YQCA Training – December 30 at 6 PM
- Beef Weigh In – Sunday, February 23, 2-4 PM at Holton Livestock Exchange
- Sheep & Goat Weigh In – May 7, 6 PM @ Northeast Kansas Livestock Barn

Horse Show & Dog Show Fair Dates
The 4-H Council has set the date for the Horse & Dog Fair Shows.
- Horse Show - Sat., June 27
- Dog Show - Sun., July 5

County Cup Application
4-H Council has approved a County Cup Application for the County Cup award. 4-Hers who are at least 16 years and old may apply for the year end award. Please go to our website for an application. The applications are due by September 30, 2020.
Important Dates

Oskaloosa Office Hours
The office will be closed November 28-29 and December 24-25, 2019, and January 1 and 20, 2020. In case of inclement weather, call the office, 785-863-2212, before traveling in.

Fair Book Changes
All changes you would like to have considered must be submitted by January 1 to our office.

Club Goals
Due in the office by Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Northeast Kansas Leadership Event (NELE)
Older Members-Consider going on Saturday, January 18 to Rock Springs. Cost is $30.00 and well worth your time.

4-H Council Meeting
January 27, 2020, at 7:30 PM in the Valley Falls Fair Building.

Beef Weigh-In Date
On Saturday, March 7, 2020 weigh-in will be from 1:00 AM-1:00 PM. In case date needs to be changed due to inclement weather, you will be notified.

Carnival Date
The tentative date for our annual 4-H Carnival is March 28, 2020 with snow date of April 4.

News from the Oskaloosa Office

Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training (YQCA)
YQCA is required for all fair livestock exhibitors and is one of the Fair Premium Sale Requirements. Visit the District pages for more information on YQCA. Our local session will be at 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 2, followed by a beef carcass Ultrasound demonstration/presentation from Dr. Philip Bentz, with the Animal Health Center in Washington. The demonstration should start around 2:30. He will be on hand to discuss the ultrasound technology we use for steers at the fair as well as genetic selection for cow herd. All district 4-Hers and public are welcome and beef exhibitors are especially encouraged to attend.

Jefferson Co. 4-H Foundation
The annual meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at the Valley Falls Fair Building. Each club is required to have two representatives in attendance so that members of the club are eligible for event funding. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with adult representatives. Be sure your club is represented. A meal will be served, and the Foundation is asking each club provide one dessert to share.

The Foundation appreciates all donations, which help our 4-Hers attend a wide variety of 4-H events throughout the year. If you have a funding request for a 4-H event, it will need to be completed, signed by a community club leader and turned into our office by the event registration deadline. Funding requests are not based on financial need and all 4-Hers are encouraged to apply. Forms are available in our office and on the Jefferson web page. Please contact a Foundation member, or our office, with any questions.

4-H Club Day
Don’t wait to start preparing your presentations for Jefferson Club Day on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Valley Falls Schools, starting at 10:00 AM. Consider more than one entry-get involved in several! Entries can include talks and demonstrations, music, dance public speaking, and more.

The snow date is Saturday, March 7. Submit entries to your club leader. Entry forms will be due in the office no later than Friday, February 7. Check ages and guideline requirements for events. We will not have access to a copier, so make sure you have all the copies you need ahead of time.

Committee appointments and model meeting problems will be decided on at the November Council meeting. Talk to your club leader, contact the office or check out our website resources for more information and guidelines.

Achievement Banquet
CONGRATULATIONS to each 4-Her and leader recognized at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet on November 9. THANK YOU for all of your hard work! It was a great evening shared with a lot of 4-H friends and supporters. Special recognition went to the Eric and Caryn Vaught Family as Family of the Year, Rex and Brenda Lloyd for 20 year leadership milestones, and Amy Kramer, Judi Lorenzo and Wendi Miller for 4-H Alumni awards. Key Award winners were Heather Kahler and Lauren Terry. A lot of our 4-Hers earned County Project and Member Achievement Level awards-way to go 4-Hers!

Club Officers
Many thanks to those who attended training on November 16. Remember to apply and share what you learned at your club level.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Achievement Event

We would like to congratulate everyone on all their hard work they put into their record books this year. A special thanks to the Ambassadors for leading the event, the clubs who helped set up, clean up and take care of the refreshment tables.

If you were unable to attend the Achievement event or want to enjoy “A Look back on 2019” power point video, it has been posted to our website. https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

Congratulations Key Winners

This year we had five 4-Hers receive the Key Award. This is a very prestigious award.

Congratulations to:
Vivian Strahm - Busy Jayhawks
Corley Becker - HHHH
Kendall Durland - Red Rustlers
Nathan Knapp - Stateliners
Leah Renyer - Stateliners

4-H Council

Congratulations to our new 2019 - 2020 4-H Council officers. They are President - Leah Renyer, Vice President - Corley Becker, Secretary - Vivian Strahm, Treasurer - Jake Heinen, Reporter - Addie Haverkamp. The next 4-H Council meeting will be held January 13 at 7:30 PM at the Seneca Extension Office. All 4-H Council representatives and leaders are asked to attend. This meeting is open to anyone so if you would like to participate please plan to attend.

Business Tours

- Come take a tour of Valley Vet Supply in Marysville on January 2 at 1 PM. Group size is limited, so don’t delay in sending an RSVP to Deb at dahenry@ksu.edu by December 20.
- January 11 we will be having a tour of Countryside Feed (formerly Midwest Ag) at 1972 Hwy 187, Seneca. This is open to any 4-Her and their family. 4-H is about learning new things, you do not have to be in a livestock project to come and learn on this tour. If you have questions, please contact Deb.

Fairbook Changes

Did you see a mistake in the fairbook this year, or maybe something did not make sense? We need all fairbook changes by February 1.

Fair Sponsors

Do you or someone you know want to be a sponsor at the fair this year? The Fair Board will soon be sending out sponsor letters. Forms can be found on our website at http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

2020 Fair

The 2020 fair theme will be “Home Grown 4-H Fun”. We will once again be putting together a vintage display. If you or someone you know has old 4-H memorabilia from a Nemaha County 4-H program, please contact Deb.

Pre-Fair Judging

Once again this year we will be working with other counties in the area for pre fair judging of some of the smaller projects. This will be Monday, July 6. Projects that will be judged are Entomology, Geology, Wildlife, and Forestry. Be watching for more information.

Important Dates

Project Discovery Event

Come explore many different projects Monday, December 30, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will be focusing on multiple project areas. Plan to stay for the whole event, as we will be having 6 different, 20 minute rotations, where you will learn about all projects. Please RSVP to dahenry@ksu.edu before December 27.

Food Fare

January 3, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM will be our first Food Fare. Hopefully you have been hearing things at your club level about this event. The theme this year will be Restaurant Copycats. All 4-Hers are invited to come sample food from various restaurants. We will also have a presentation about bringing food to the fair.

YQCA Training

There will be a YQCA training in Seneca January 3 at 12:30 PM. This is a required educational component for members exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. This does not include Bucket Calf. You will need to register prior at https://yqca.learngrow.io.

4-H Club Day

Be thinking about what you or your club will be doing for 4-H Club Day on March 7 at Jackson Heights High School. This will be a combined event with Jackson County like last year. The event will begin at 9:00 AM. Registration is due to your club leader by February 1.
Meadowlark Extension District

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Seneca, KS 66538-9808

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### Calendar of Events

**Dec 5:** JA Fair board annual meeting
**Dec 7:** Livestock Judging Clinic
**Dec 20:** Kansas Birthday photos due
**Dec 30:** Project Discovery Event - Seneca

**Jan 1:** YQCA training - Holton
**Jan 2:** Club Goals due - Valley Falls

**Jan 3:** NELE registration due - Food Fare-Seneca
**Jan 11:** Countryside Feed tour - Seneca
**Jan 13:** 4-H Council meeting - Seneca

**Jan 15:** State Scholarship apps due - Horse Panorama registration due

**Jan 18:** NELE-Rock Springs
**Jan 24-26:** 4-H Horse Panorama - RSR

**Jan 27:** 4-H Council meeting - Oskaloosa
**Feb 1:** 4-H Day entries due - Seneca
**Feb 3:** CIA registration due - Fairbook changes due - Seneca

**Feb 7:** 4-H Club Entries Due - Oskaloosa
**Feb 13:** 4-H Council meeting - Holton
**Feb 14:** 4-H Day entries due - Holton
**Feb 16-17:** CIA-Topeka
**Feb 22:** 4-H Club Day - Valley Falls
**Feb 23:** Beef Weigh-in-Holton
**Feb 29:** Jr Beef Producer Day - Manhattan

**Mar 6:** State Horse Judging Contest
**Mar 7:** Beef Weigh-In-Oskaloosa
**Mar 7:** 4-H Club Day - Jackson Heights

**Jan 1:** Fairbook changes due - Holton
**Jan 2:** Club Goals due - Valley Falls

All offices will be closed
December 24 & 25 - Christmas
January 1 - New Years Day
January 20 MLK Day

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